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**ABSTRACT**

In one aspect, a method to for supporting services of an IP-based video network is provided. A plurality of subscribers of the video network registers with a presence server, each subscriber registers via an IP-capable terminal. The plurality of subscribers includes a first subscriber that logs onto the presence server when the terminal of the first subscriber is activated resulting in presence information being stored in the presence server. The first subscriber requests presence information about at least a portion of the plurality of subscribers which is provided to the first subscriber.